

Remarks

Claims 1-23 have been canceled and claims 24-49. New claims 24-49 have been presented to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention. Applicant asserts ~~that no claims have been narrowed within the meaning of *Festo*. Also, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b) and (c), the prior pending paragraphs and claims with all changes shown by a~~ conventional comparison system are provided in Appendix A. Claims 24-50 now stand in the application.

If the Examiner believes there are any outstanding matters in the present application which could be resolved with a telephonic conference, the Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' undersigned representative.

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Appendix A

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

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For: ~~LOW DUST WALL REPAIR COMPOUND~~

The paragraph beginning on the first line of page 1 is new.

The paragraph beginning on page 2, line 27 has been amended as follows:

A spackling compound is disclosed in the Deer et al. U.S. Patent No. [4,391,648] 4,391,647. While joint compound and spackling compound do many of the same things and are both smeared onto walls to hide flaws, spackling compound is generally lighter, dries more quickly, sands more easily, and is more expensive than joint compound. For simplicity, joint compound, drywall joint compound, and like expressions are used throughout this specification to refer to wall repair compounds generally, including joint compound and spackling compound.

The paragraph beginning on page 10, line 6 has been amended as follows:

As shown, three specimens 4a, 4b, 4c of joint compound were prepared on a section of wallboard 20 and the section of wallboard 20 was clamped to a mounting block 22 arranged within the enclosure 2. When tested, the specimens were located about twelve inches above the bottom wall 8 of the enclosure. Each specimen was tested individually and after each test, the enclosure was cleaned so that the quantity of airborne dust particles measured less than [0.5] 0.05 mg/m³. A particle counter 24 for measuring the quantity of airborne particles was mounted in the right side wall about forty eight inches above the center of the specimens 4a, 4b, and 4c.

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